thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government to ensure quality control of foodgrains to be supplied against foreign commitments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Orissa Currency Scam

317. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE to be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Break through in Orissa currency scam 10 RBI staff face action on fraud" appearing in the Telegraph dated October 3, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In February and July 1988 Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Bhubaneshwar office, came across mutilated notes of Rs. 100/- denomination passed for payment at that office. After enquiring into the matter, 16 employees of Bhubaneshwar office of RBI, were placed under suspension.

(c) RBI has reported that the matter has been enquired into departmentally and by Central Bureau of Investigation. RBI have issued tentative orders for punishment to 13 employees, which include orders for recovery from 4 employees of an amount of Rs. 17,88,400/- 3 employees have been exonerated.

News Item "Rs. 10 crore fraud-Central Bank Management Involved"

318. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE to be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Rs. 10 crore fraud-Central Bank management involved" appearing in the Indian Express dated 3 September, 1991;

(b) whether despite curbs imposed by the Reserve Bank of India on the release of bank finances, some banks have been lending crores of rupees without even asking for any security;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the matter; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken against the persons found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). Reserve Bank of India, which has looked into the matter, has reported that it has observed grant of advances without credit appraisal and absence of post-sanction supervision with regard to the financing of a group of accounts in Central Bank of India and advised Central Bank of India to conduct a thorough enquiry into the matter. Central Bank of India has placed the concerned Zonal Manager under suspension